

In the Claims:

Kindly rewrite the claims to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A Support support fabric of the type provided with pockets for accommodating, ~~in particular,~~ stiffening means, characterized in that it comprises comprising two woven layers ~~(A-B)~~ which are joined by stitch bonding and, during production, are separated from one another in areas so that ~~they the layers~~ are not joined in said areas whereby thereby defining one or more profiled pockets ~~(C)~~ and being able to accommodate one or more of the stiffening means that are inserted after production, and in that said one or more pocket(s) pockets is/are being incorporated inside the a body of the support fabric, each pocket having an opening (10a) for inserting one of the stiffening means (11).

2. (Currently Amended) The Support support fabric as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ said stiffening means (11) inserted into the fabric are comprises stiffeners of the stay type.

3. (Currently Amended) The Support support fabric as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that said stiffening means inserted into the fabric~~ have a therapeutic and/or comfort function.

4. (Currently Amended) A Method method for producing support fabric, ~~characterized in that it involves comprising:~~ producing two woven layers ~~(A-B)~~ that are superimposed and joined by bonding stitches ~~(10b)~~ in order to form unitary parts of the support fabric; then, in a predetermined cycle, separating said layers a given distance apart in certain areas and then moving ~~them the certain areas~~ together again and rejoining ~~them the certain areas~~ in order to successively make one or more profiled pockets ~~(C)~~ for subsequently inserting and accommodating external stiffening means (11), and in that, during production of the support fabric, said pocket(s) is/are pockets being partially closed leaving an insertion opening (10a) for fitting said above-mentioned stiffening means.

5. (Currently Amended) The Production production method as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ selvages are established, one being closed over ~~the an~~ entire

length of the support fabric and ~~the~~an other being partially closed apart from in ~~the~~an area of pockets in order to allow insertion of said stiffening means into said pockets.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The Production~~production method as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the openings (10a) of the pockets open out over ~~the~~a width of the support fabric.

7. (Currently Amended) Use of the support fabric as ~~claimed in any of claims 1 to 3~~ or obtained by using the method as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 4 to 6 for producing medical belts for lumbar support.

8. (Currently Amended) Use of the support fabric as ~~claimed in any of claims 1 to 3~~ or obtained by using the method as claimed in ~~any of the claims~~ claim 4 to 6 for producing post-surgery or abdominal belts.

9. (Currently Amended) Use of the support fabric as ~~claimed in any of claims 1 to 3~~ or obtained by using the method as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 4 to 6 for producing orthoses.

10. (Currently Amended) Use of the support fabric as ~~claimed in any of the claims 1 to 3~~ or obtained by using the method as claimed in ~~any of claims~~ claim 4 to 6 for producing strapping.